

## Weekly One Liners 6th July to 12th of July 2020

### World Bank approves \$400 mn for rejuvenation of river Ganga

The **World Bank** has signed a loan agreement of **\$400 million** with **Government of India** to enhance support for the **Namami Gange programme**. The loan agreement aims to make the Ganga a clean and healthy river. The loan amount of **\$400 million** comprises a loan of **\$381 million** and a proposed Guarantee of up to **\$19 million**. The new project will aim to stem the pollution levels in the iconic river and work towards strengthening the management of the river basin which is home to more than **500 million people**.

The World Bank has been supporting the efforts of Government of India since 2011 via the currently active National Ganga River Basin Project. This project has helped in establishing the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) as the nodal agency to manage the river.

### Maharashtra government launches "Maha" Job portal

"**Maha**" **Jobs Portal** has been launched by the Maharashtra government. The job portal has been rolled out to offer **employment opportunities to local residents**. The portal will help in recruitment of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled employees by bridging the gap between employers and local workers. Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation will run the Maha job portal.

The Maha job portal will enable the workers to apply for **17 sectors** which includes **engineering, logistic, textile and pharmaceutical**. People are required to get themselves registered at the job portal and to upload their details on the portal, which can be accessed by employers/industries.

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### US formally announced its withdrawal from WHO

The **United States** has formalized to withdraw from the **World Health Organization (WHO) on July 6, 2021**. The actual project of disentangling the U.S. from WHO began on July 6, 2020, with a letter signed by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. It will take one year to go into effect.

#### Why United States decide to withdraw from the WHO?

- The US has accused the WHO of siding with China on the outbreak of the virus, which originated in the Chinese city of Wuhan late last year, alleging the health body misled the world resulting in deaths of over half a million people globally, including over 130,000 in America alone.
- In April, the US stopped funding to WHO as the Trump administration reviewed the ties. A month later, President Donald Trump announced the US was terminating the relationship.
- The US is the single largest contributor to the WHO, providing over USD 450 million per annum. China's contribution to the global health body is about USD 40 million, one-tenth of that of the US.
- The US has been a party to the WHO Constitution since June 21, 1948. Its participation was accepted by the World Health Assembly with certain conditions set out by the US for its eventual withdrawal from this world body.

### The Global E-waste Monitor Report 2020

The **Global E-waste Monitor 2020** is a collaborative product of the **Global E-waste Statistics Partnership (GESP)**, formed by the United Nations University (UNU). According to a recent **United Nations University (UNU) report**, global e-waste will increase by 38% in the decade between 2020 and 2030. The Global E-waste Monitor 2020 provides the most comprehensive overview of the global e-waste challenge, explains how it fits into international efforts to reach the Sustainable Development Goals, and discusses how to create a sustainable society and circular economy. The report provides a national and regional analysis on e-waste quantities and legislative instruments, and makes predictions until 2030. It also encourages decision-makers to increase activities to measure and monitor e-waste using an internationally recognized methodological framework.

**Data Analysis of 2019:**

- There was 53.6 million tonnes (MT) e-waste in 2019, which is a nearly 21% increase in just five years.
- Asia generated the greatest volume (around 24.9 MT) followed by the Americas (13.1 MT) and Europe (12 MT). Africa and Oceania generated 2.9 MT and 0.7 MT respectively.
- Most E-waste consisted of small and large equipment like screens and monitors, lamps, telecommunication equipment etc and temperature exchange equipment.
- Less than 18% of the e-waste generated in 2019 was collected and recycled.
- E-waste consisting of gold, silver, copper, platinum and other high-value, recoverable materials worth at least USD 57 billion was mostly dumped or burned rather than being collected for treatment and reuse.
- The number of countries that have adopted a national e-waste policy, legislation or regulation has increased from 61 to 78 and includes India.
- It is far from the target set by the International Telecommunication Union to raise the percentage of countries with e-waste legislation to 50%.

**India Ranked 31st in INFORM Risk Index 2020**

In accordance with the “**INFORM Report 2020: Shared evidence for managing crises and disasters**” released by research centre INFORM, operating under the European Commission (EU). The report has analyzed 191 countries. The report ranked the countries based on “**INFORM Risk Index**” which has been topped by **Somalia** with an inform risk of 8.9. **India has ranked at 31st place** with an inform risk of 5.4, means risk of humanitarian crises and disasters. North Korea ranks among the most dangerous places to live as its people are exposed to high risks of natural disaster, poverty and social injustice. North Korea was rated as the 39th most dangerous place. This report is produced by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) on behalf of all INFORM Partners.

**Ranks of Top 10 Countries in INFORM Risk Index:**

Rank	Country	Inform Risk
1st	<b>Somalia</b>	<b>8.9</b>
2nd	Central African Republic	8.6
3rd	South Sudan & Yemen	8.1
4th	Afghanistan	8.0
5th	Chad & Syria	7.3
6th	Congo DR & Iraq	7.0

Rank	Country	Inform Risk
7th	Ethiopia , Nigeria & Sudan	6.9
8th	Niger	6.7
9th	Haiti	6.6
10th	Uganda	6.5
<b>31st</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>5.4</b>

**India ranks 34th in GRETI 2020 by JLL**

**Jones Lang LaSalle’s (JLL)** has released its biennial **Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRETI)**. The GRETI is a unique benchmark of real estate market transparency and an essential guide for companies operating in foreign markets. It covered **99 countries and territories and 163 cities**.

The Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRETI) is based on **210 indicators** which includes additional data on sustainability and resilience, health and wellness, proptech and alternatives. All the variables have been divided into six areas with certain weights, as follows:

- Performance Measurement 25%
- Market Fundamentals 16.5%
- Governance of Listed Vehicles 10%
- Regulatory and Legal 23.5%
- Transaction Process 15%
- Sustainability 10%

**Here is the list of top ranked countries in the index:**

Rank	Country	Score
<b>1</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>1.31</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>United States</b>	<b>1.35</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Australia</b>	<b>1.39</b>
4	France	1.44
5	Canada	1.51
6	New Zealand	1.67
7	Netherlands	1.67
8	Ireland	1.83
9	Sweden	1.89
10	Germany	1.93
<b>11</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>2.69</b>

**National Affairs**

- Vice President of India, **M. Venkiah Naidu** has launched India’s first social media super application, “**Elyments**”. Under Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, more than 1,000 IT professionals came together to create the homegrown application.

- **India's First No-Permission No-Takeoff (NPNT) compliant drone flight on the A200 Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS)** has been completed successfully by Quidich Innovation Labs and Asteria Aerospace.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** unveil **Asia's largest 750 MW Rewa ultra mega solar plant** in **Madhya Pradesh** via video conference on July 10. The Rewa Ultra Mega Solar is established in the Rewa district of Vindhya region of Madhya Pradesh, with a total solar installed capacity of 750 MW. It is one of the largest single-site solar power plants in Asia.
- The **Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Jharkhand** new administrative and the academic building have been named after Bharatiya Jan Sangh founder **Late Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee** on his **119th birth anniversary**.
- **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** has released **\$50 million loan** to **L&T Infrastructure Finance Ltd**. This is the first tranche of a **\$100 mn loan** to **L&T Infrastructure Finance Ltd** for funding Renewable Energy projects in the country.
- The **U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)** and the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)** has announced a partnership for clean energy development. The partnership has been established between the **USAID-supported South Asia Group for Energy (SAGE)** and **MNRE's National Technical Institutions**.
- **Boeing India** has delivered the last of the **five AH-64E Apache attack helicopters** to the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** at the **Hindan Air Force Station**. Boeing has completed delivery of all **22 new AH-64E Apache** to the Indian Air Force (IAF). The Apaches were deployed at the Leh airbase as part of the forward movement of assets, amid the stand-off with China in Ladakh. Boeing also handed over the last five of the **15 CH-47F(I) Chinook heavy-lift helicopters** to the **IAF**

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## States in the News

- **Odisha government** has launched '**Balaram Yojana**' to provide crop loans to landless farmers. Under the new scheme, the landless cultivators will get loans through joint liability groups (JLGs).
- A campaign "**Mission Vriksharopan-2020**" has been launched by the Uttar Pradesh government. Under this campaign, more than 25 crore saplings were planted on **5th July in Uttar Pradesh**.
- **Madhya Pradesh Tourism board** has launched a campaign "**Intzaar Aap Ka**". The campaign has been launched on social media platforms to attract tourists to the tourist places of the state.
- **Karnataka government** has launched a relief scheme "**Nekara Samman Yojane**" for weavers. The state government has allocated a sum of **Rs 10.96 crore under the programme**. As per the state government, the Silk, cotton, wool and other handloom weavers have been made eligible under the scheme.
- **Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur** has announced that **the Himachal Pradesh** has become the first state in India where **100% households have LPG gas connections**. The feat was achieved by the state with the help of '**Himachal Grihini Suvidha Yojana**' with the help of which the state government covered the left out families in the state, who were not covered under the Central government's **Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojna**.
- West Bengal Chief Minister, **Mamata Banerjee** has launched a new mobile application called "**SelfScan**". This New Application was developed by the state's information technology department, to scan documents.

## International Affairs

- **Jean Castex** has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of France. The appointment of Jean Castex as the new french PM was made by the french President **Emmanuel Macron**. He replaced the former french Prime Minister **Edouard Philippe** who resigned from the post ahead of a government reshuffle.
- **Israel Defence Ministry** has announced the successful launch of a new "**Ofek 16**" **spy satellite** into orbit by using a locally-developed Shavit rocket from a launch pad at **Palmachim airbase** in central Israel. This was the first launch of an Israeli spy satellite into space since the Ofek-11 which entered orbit in September 2016.
- According to the **World Health Organisation's (WHO), South-East Asian Region (SEAR) office, Maldives and Sri Lanka** were verified for having eliminated measles and rubella. Now, Maldives and Sri Lanka are the first two countries in the WHO South-East Asia Region to achieve measles and rubella elimination ahead of **the 2023 target**.



## Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)** has partnered with Facebook to launch a free and comprehensive training program for teachers and students of its affiliated schools.
- Government-owned mining majors **NLC India Ltd** and **Coal India Ltd** have formed a joint venture to develop solar and thermal power assets to the tune of **5,000 megawatts of power**. Both companies will hold equal **50:50 equity** in the joint venture company.
- **Indian Railway** in collaboration with **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)** has set up a **1.7 Megawatt solar power plant at Bina, Madhya Pradesh**. The project involves the adoption of innovative technology for converting Direct Current to single-phase Alternating Current for feeding directly to Railway's overhead traction system.
- **Mobility platform Ola** has entered into a partnership with digital payments platform **PhonePe** to expand payment options for riders. The partnership will help the mobility platform enable better digital payments experience on its **Ola app**.
- The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** and **Bakamla RI (Indonesian Coast Guard)** have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on '**Maritime Safety and Security**' to boost maritime relations. India and Indonesia are historically connected through the Indian Ocean and it has been the resolve of both nations to ensure safe and secure sea passage for all seafarers in the region.
- **Microsoft** has partnered with the **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** to offer digital skills to India's youth in the next 12 months amid the COVID-19 crisis. Microsoft will provide free access to learning resources and conduct digital skilling awareness drives by collaborating with **eSkill India portal of NSDC**.
- The **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** and the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has signed an agreement for data exchange. The agreement will facilitate the sharing of information and data between the two organisations on an automatic and regular basis.
- **Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH)** is tie-up with a multinational technology company, **NVIDIA** to establish India's 1st '**NVIDIA AI Technology Centre**' (NVAITC). This centre is established to accelerate research on Artificial Intelligence and its commercial adoption.

- The **IIT Alumni Council** has partnered with the **CSIR Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB)**. The partnership aims to jointly conduct research on COVID-19 and patient data analysis. The IIT Alumni Council is also setting up the world's largest molecular diagnostic lab '**MegaLab Mumbai**'.
- **Flipkart** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Department of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) and Mines of Government of Karnataka** to promote the arts, crafts and handloom sector of Karnataka.

## Books and Authors

- Former RBI governor, **Urjit Patel** has written a book titled '**Overdraft: Saving the Indian Saver**' will be releasing later this month. The book focuses on the non-performing assets (NPAs) issue that has afflicted Indian banking in recent years. It is published by Harper Collins India.
- The Chairman of Maruti Suzuki, **RC Bhargava** has authored the book "**Getting Competitive: A Practitioner's Guide for India**" from his experience as a policymaker and a leading industrialist. The book published by HarperCollins India.
- A book titled '**His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama: An Illustrated Biography**' will be released in 2020. The book is published by **Roli Books**. The book is authored by one of the Dalai Lama's closest aides and advisor of over 40 years, **Tenzin Geyche Tethong**. The biography is a memorable portrait of the **14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso**.

## Banking/Economy/Business News

- **HDFC Bank** offers instant car loans to existing customers through an initiative called "**ZipDrive**" in **1,000 cities**. This solution gives the customer with a pre-approved loan offer to avail an auto loan through net banking or via assistance from the bank's phone banking team. It is a technology-enabled loan product where credit assessment is done by banking software.
- **YES Bank** has launched a digital solution, "**Loan in Seconds**" for instant disbursement of retail loans. The account holders identified by the bank can avail this quick loan disbursal facility without any document.
- The **Karur Vysya Bank (KVB)** has entered into a partnership with **Star Health and Allied Insurance Co** to provide a wide range of health insurance options to its customers.

- ‘**Bhavishya**’ savings account has been launched by the **Fino Payments Bank Limited**. This savings account scheme has been launched for minors aged between 10-18 years. ‘Bhavishya’, a subscription-based savings account, can be opened by paying a nominal amount. There is not any minimum account balance requirement to open the ‘Bhavishya’ savings account.
- Private lender, **SBM Bank (India) Ltd** has partnered with **Mastercard** to revolutionize domestic and cross-border payments and remittances services. The SBM Bank India customers will be able to make real-time domestic business-to-consumer transfers quickly and efficiently using ‘**Mastercard Send**’.
- **Karur Vysya Bank** has signed an agreement with **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance** to offer life insurance solutions to its customers. Bajaj Allianz’s products will be available at the Bank’s 780 branch offices spread across India.
- According to data from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, **Tamil Nadu** has raised **₹30,500 crores** in the fiscal 2020-21 and has topped market borrowings among States in the country. Tamil Nadu, which has accounted for **17%** of the borrowings done through the issue of bonds (known as state development loans), has been followed by **Maharashtra ₹25,500 crores (14%)**, **Andhra Pradesh ₹17,000 crores (9%)** and **Rajasthan ₹17,000 crores (9%)**.

### Appointments/Resignations

- A 1983-batch IAS officer, **Injeti Srinivas** has been appointed as 1st chairman of the **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** for a period of three years. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved his appointment.
- **Sijo Kuruvilla George** has been appointed to the **Central Government’s committee on Science, Technology and Innovation Policy 2020 (STIP 2020)**.

- The **UK India Business Council (UKIBC)** has appointed **Jayant Krishna** as the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of the group. Jayant will replace the current Group CEO, Richard Heald.
- The tenure of Justice **Bansi Lal Bhat** as the **chairperson of National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)** has been extended by the Government of India.
- **Union Bank of India’s** managing director and CEO, **Rajkiran Rai** an extension of two-year given in its ongoing merger process with Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank. Rai, whose term would have ended yesterday, will now be serving till May 31, 2022.
- Manipur’s, **Gyanendro Ningombam** named as the new Officiating **President of Hockey India**. He will replace **Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad**.

### Defence News

- **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)** has signed License Agreement and Transfer of Technology (ToT) with **Defence Research and Development Organisation-Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDO-DRDL)** for **Akash Missile Weapon System (Indian Army Variant)**.

### Schemes & Committees

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has formed a working group to study and make recommendations on formation of an “**Indian Pandemic Risk Pool**”. The panel has been tasked to examine the possibility of addressing the different risks which have arisen out of a **COVID-19 pandemic** with the help of a “**Pandemic Risk Pool**”.

### Awards and Recognitions

- A 13-year-old student of the **British School New Delhi**, **Freya Thakral** has received the **2020 Diana Award** for her “**Recycler App**”. She developed this App to connect users with waste-handlers as a measure to help **the ragpickers of Delhi**.
- The **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** has announced that its new headquarters in Lausanne has been awarded the **European 2020 US Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership Award**. Olympic House, which also holds the rigorous LEED Platinum certification, is one of the most sustainable buildings in the world.
- **Indian battalion (INDBATT)** has stationed with the **United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)** has won an **environment award** for a project that aims to decrease waste generation, reuse plastic, build greenhouses and compost pits.

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### Summit and Conference

- The **fourth edition** of the **virtual Ministerial on Climate Action** was co-chaired by European Union, China and Canada. In the meeting, India was represented by the Union Environment Minister, **Shri Prakash Javadekar**.
- The **India Global Week 2020** virtual conference was inaugurated by the Indian Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. The 3 days virtual conference has been organised in the **United Kingdom** with a theme of **"Be The Revival: India and a Better New World"**.
- The **15th meeting of the India-European Union Summit** will be held in virtual mode. The summit will deliberate **on India-EU cooperation by covering various aspects** such as political and security relations, trade and investment and economic cooperation. The developments around the COVID-19 pandemic and contemporary global topics of interest to both sides would be discussed during the summit.

### Science and Technology

- **"Unisaviour"**, a disinfection box has been developed by the researchers at **IIT Roorkee**. The disinfection box **"Unisaviour"** can be used to sterilize personal belongings, apparels, PPE, medical equipment among others form the COVID-19.
- **Mylab Discovery Solutions** has launched the 'Compact XL' system for conducting a wide range of tests, including **RT-PCR tests for COVID-19**. This is India's first machine to automate the manual processes of molecular diagnostic tests such as RNA/DNA-based tests including **COVID-19 RT-PCR tests**.
- **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** will launch **Brazil's Amazonia-1 satellite**. This satellite is onboard the Polar Satellite Launch vehicle (PSLV) as a primary payload by August 2020. This satellite has been locally designed and tested in Brazil. It will be the first satellite for Earth observation, it will not be a hitchhiking satellite.

### Sports News

- At the **Cricket South Africa annual awards 2020**, **Quinton de Kock** was named as the **men's cricketer of the year**, while **Laura Wolvaardt** was named as the **women's cricketer of the year**. The **2020 Cricket South Africa annual awards** were held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Mercedes's, Valtteri Bottas (Finland)** has won the **Austrian Grand Prix 2020** at **Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, Austria**. This was the first race of **2020 Formula One season**. Charles Leclerc finished second for Ferrari while **McLaren's Lando Norris** came third.

- **G Akash** has become India's **66th Chess Grandmaster**. The second council meet of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) for the year 2020 **confirmed Akash's GM title**. He won the national title in 2012 and earned the International Master title subsequently. Along with him, **Ameya Audi of Goa** has earned International Master title.
- The 31-year-old Egyptian Squash player, **Raneem El Welily** announced her **retirement**. She was the world's top-ranking Women Squash Player.

### Important Days

- **Dharma Chakra Day** was celebrated by the **International Buddhist Confederation (IBC)**, under the aegis of Ministry of Culture on **4th July**. This day commemorates **Buddha's First Sermon** to his first five ascetic disciples at the Deer Park, Rsiapatana in the present day **Sarnath near Varanasi, UP**. The day is also observed as **Guru Poornima** by both Buddhists as well as Hindus as a day to mark reverence to their Gurus.
- **World Chocolate Day** or International Chocolate Day is observed **on 7th July every year**. The day celebrates the existence of chocolate in our lives. It is marked by eating chocolates and **sharing with dear ones**.
- **World Population Day** is observed globally on **11th July** every year. This year theme of World Population Day 2020: **Putting the brakes on COVID-19: Safeguarding the health and rights of women and girls**.

### Obituaries

- Oscar-winning Italian film composer, **Ennio Morricone** passed away. He was born in Rome in 1928. He scored more than 500 films. He won his Oscar for his work on Quentin Tarantino's *The Hateful Eight* (2015).
- British film and television actor **Earl Cameron** passed away. The actor first appeared on screen in the 1951 film *Pool of London*. He was appointed as the Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the 2009 New Year Honours.
- Veteran Bollywood actor-comedian, **Jagdeep** passed away. He was born as **Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed Jafri**, the legendary actor was popularly known as Jagdeep, his stage name. He was best known for his roles in films such as *Sholay*, *Purana Mandir* and *Andaz Apna Apna*.
- Kannada TV actor, **Susheel Gowda** passed away. He joined the Kannada television serials in 2015 and acted in one or two Kannada films also.



- The former health minister of Goa, Dr **Suresh Amonkar** passed away due to Covid-19. He was a two-term MLA, being elected to the Goa Assembly in 1999 and 2002, as well as served as minister in the first **Manohar Parrikar** cabinet in 2000 as a minister of health.
- Country Music Hall of Fame musician, **Charlie Daniels** passed away. He was country music and southern rock icon who entertained fans for decades with songs like “Long-Haired Country Boy,” “In America,” and his signature fiddle tune “The Devil Went Down To Georgia”, who won his only Grammy Award in 1979. He was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2016.

### Miscellaneous News

- Indian Army officer, **Lt Col Bharat Pannu** has secured the 3rd position on the leaderboard at the first edition of the **Virtual Race Across America(VRAAM) 2020**. He finished with a total distance of **4086 km in 12 days** and a total elevation gain of 71,000 meters in a stationary bicycle in **Pimple Nilakh**, Pune. Around 22 cyclists participated in the VRAAM 2020.
- **Delhi government** will launch a mega tree plantation drive under the **‘Paudhe lagao, Paryavaran Bachao’** campaign. The campaign will be held from 10-26 July 2020.
- **Delhi Government** has launched an e-learning portal name as **“Learning through E-Resources Made Accessible for Delhi (LEAD)”**. The recently launched e-learning portal has been developed by the Delhi government. E-portal **“LEAD”** comprises of 10,000 instructional materials and course content for students of Classes I to XII. The Delhi government will also share its teaching-learning material on the digital platform **“DIKSHA”** through its e-learning portal **“LEAD”**.

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- **The All India Radio (AIR)** has broadcasted a programme titled **“Sanskrit Saptahiki”**. It is the first ever **‘News Magazine’** programme in Sanskrit which constitutes news from the world of Sanskrit including the prominent developments of the week.
- Wrestler-turned-actor, **Dwayne ‘The Rock’ Johnson** has been named Instagram’s highest-paid celebrity. Dwayne has **dethroned Kylie Jenner as Instagram’s** highest-paid celebrity. According to social media marketing firm Hopper HQ, Johnson has 189 million followers while Jenner has **183 million followers**. He can charge advertisers roughly \$1,015,000 for a sponsored post. He was also named **Hollywood’s highest-paid actor of 2019 by Forbes**.
- **Himalayan Golden Birdwing butterfly** named as India’s largest butterfly, a record an unknown specimen had held for 88 years. The female Golden Birdwing with 194 mm wingspan was recorded at **Uttarakhand’s Pithoragarh district’s Didihat town**, while the male Golden Birdwing with 106 mm wingspan was recorded at the **Wankhar Butterfly Museum (in Shillong)**.
- **“Google+”** a social networking platform of internet search giant **“Google”** has been rebranded as **“Google Currents”**. Google Currents is a platform which enables its users to connect with their colleagues, exchange documents and interact with like-minded people who have similar interests. It also helps the users to track what is happening in other departments across the organisation.
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based **“Aatamanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping (ASEEM)”** digital platform has been launched by the **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship**. The platform aims to bridge demand-supply gap of skilled workforce across sectors and to improve the information flow. The details of workers will be mapped by the portal on the basis on regions and local industry demands.
- **Nadaun Police Station, Himachal Pradesh** has been ranked as one of the **best Police Stations of the country and the best Police Station of the State**. Nadaun Police Station is situated at Hamirpur district, Himachal Pradesh.

### Static Takeaways

- Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- President of World Bank: David Malpass.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan; Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Managing Director & CEO of L&T Finance Holdings: Dinanath Dubhashi.
- President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank: Jin Liqun.

- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik; Governor of Odisha: Ganeshi Lal.
- Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh: Yogi Aditya Nath; Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Chief Minister of Maharashtra: Uddhav Thackeray; Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari.
- Chief Minister of Karnataka: B.S. Yediyurappa; Governor: Vajubhai Vala.
- Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh: Jai Ram Thakur; Governor: Bandaru Dattatraya.
- Chief Minister of West Bengal: Mamata Banerjee; Governor: Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- Capital of Israel: Jerusalem.
- The currency of Israel: Israeli Shekel.
- President of Israel: Reuven Rivlin.
- Prime Minister of Israel: Benjamin Netanyahu.
- Headquarters of WHO: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Director-general of WHO: Tedros Adhanom.
- President of Sri Lanka: Gotabaya Rajapaksa.
- Prime Minister of Sri Lanka: Mahinda Rajapaksa.
- Capital of Sri Lanka: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte.
- Currency of Sri Lanka: Sri Lankan rupee.
- President of the Maldives: Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.
- Capital of Maldives: Male; Currency of the Maldives: Maldivian Rufiyaa.
- CBSE chairman: Manoj Ahuja.
- Headquarters of CBSE: New Delhi.
- CBSE was established on 3 November 1962.
- Headquarter of Coal India: Kolkata, West Bengal.
- Pramod Agrawal is the chairman and managing director of Coal India Ltd.
- Chairman & MD of BHEL: Nalin Shinghal.
- BHEL founded: 1964; Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- Union Minister of Railways: Piyush Goyal.
- CEO of Phonepe: Sameer Nigam
- Headquarters location of Phonepe: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- CEO of Ola: Bhavish Aggarwal.
- Headquarters location of Ola: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Director-General of Indian Coast Guard: Krishnaswamy Natarajan.
- Headquarters of Indian Coast Guard: New Delhi.
- Capital of Indonesia: Jakarta.
- The currency of Indonesia: Indonesian rupiah.
- President of Indonesia: Joko Widodo.
- CEO & MD of National Skill Development Corporation: Manish Kumar.
- Chairperson of CBDT: Pramod Chandra Mody.
- Headquarters of CBDT: New Delhi.
- Chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India: Ajay Tyagi; Headquarter: Mumbai.
- Chairman of National Highways Authority of India: Sukhbir Singh Sandhu.
- NVIDIA Headquarters: California, United States.
- NVIDIA Co-Founder, President and CEO: Jensen Huang.
- Director of IIT-Hyderabad: B.S.Murty.
- Headquarters of International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA): Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Defence Research and Development Organization Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Defence Research and Development Organization Chairman: Dr G. Satheesh Reddy.
- Chairman and Managing Director Bharat Dynamics Limited: Siddharth Mishra.
- Head Office of Bharat Dynamics Limited: Hyderabad, Telangana.
- International Olympic Committee Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.
- International Olympic Committee President: Thomas Bach.
- Headquarters of HDFC Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Managing Director of HDFC Bank: Aditya Puri.
- Yes Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Yes Bank MD & CEO: Prashant Kumar.
- Yes Bank Tagline: Experience our Expertise.
- Headquarters of Karur Vysya Bank: Karur, Tamil Nadu.
- The tagline of Karur Vysya Bank: Smart Way to Bank.
- Chairman of Karur Vysya Bank: N. S. Srinath.
- SBM Bank CEO: Parvataneni Venkateswara Rao.
- SBM Bank Headquarters: Port Louis, Mauritius.
- Mastercard CEO: Ajaypal Singh Banga.
- Mastercard Headquarters: New York, United States.
- Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra.
- Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance MD & CEO: Tarun Chugh.
- Governor of Tamil Nadu: Banwarilal Purohit.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister: K. Palaniswami.
- Governor of Delhi: Anil Baijal.
- Chief Minister of Delhi: Arvind Kejriwal.
- Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai.
- Director General of All India Radio: Ira Joshi.
- Managing Director & CEO of Maruti Suzuki: Kenichi Ayukawa.
- Maruti Suzuki Headquarters: New Delhi.
- CEO of Google: Sundar Pichai; Headquarters: California, United States.
- Ministers of State (I/C) for New and Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh.
- UNIFIL Mission Leadership: Major General Stefano Del Col.



- Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship: Mahendra Nath Pandey.
- Hockey India Founded: 20 May 2009.
- Hockey India Headquarters: New Delhi.
- United Nations Population Fund Headquarters: New York, United States
- United Nations Population Fund Executive Director: Natalia Kanem.
- United Nations Population Fund Founded: 1969.
- Chief Minister of HP: Jai Ram Thakur; Governor of HP: Bandaru Dattatraya.
- ISRO Director: K. Sivan, Headquarters: Bengaluru; Established: 1969.
- Capital of Brazil: Brasilia.
- President of Brazil: Jair Bolsonaro.
- Currency of Brazil: Brazilian Real.
- Headquarters of Boeing: Chicago, United States.
- Boeing Founded: 15 July 1916.
- President and Chief Executive Officer of Boeing: David L. Calhoun.
- Flipkart Chief Executive Officer (CEO): Kalyan Krishnamurthy.
- Chief Operating Officer (COO): Sriram Venkataraman.
- Head Office: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Karnataka chief Minister: B. S. Yediyurappa.
- Governor of Karnataka: Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala.
- Capital of Karnataka: Bengaluru.

